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1. FOLLOWING IS REDRAFT JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT AS AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT JOINT MEETING OCT 28. VERSION IS AS USED IN SAIGON, BUT GVN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VIET-NAM PRECEDE US IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN BOTH VERSIONS. (I INDICATED THIS WOULD GIVE NO TROUBLE, SINCE IT IS IN LINE WITH THE PHILOSOPHY THAT LED US TO OFFER THE GVN THE "PLACE OF HONOR" TO OUR RIGHT AT THE NEGOTIATIONS.)

2. BEGIN TEXT. PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ANNOUNCE THAT ALL AIR, NAVAL, AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT ON OR WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF NORTH VIET-NAM WILL CEASE AS OF (TIME AND DATE).

3. THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE ISSUED THE ORDER TO CEASE BOMBARDMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITHE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, NEW ZEALAND, THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT.

4. PRESIDENT THIEU AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAVE REACHED THIS COMMON DECISION BECAUSE THEY HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT NORTH VIET-NAM INTENDS TO JOIN THEM IN DEESCALATING THE WAR AND TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS AND DIRECT TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THEY THEREFORE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THIS STEP WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS TOWARD AN HONORABLE AND SECURE PEACE.

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5. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE DIRECT TALKS WILL BE CONVENED IN PARIS AT (TIME AND DATE). DELEGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEND THAT MEETING. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NIETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM NOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONG AS AN ENTITY INDEPENDENT OF NORTH VIET-NAM. END TEXT.

6. NOTE THAT AT THE END OF THE SECOND PARAGRPAH WE HAVE REPLACED "THAILAND" WITH " ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT." BUNKER

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